

HOW GREAT IS DAY OF PENTECOST  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME & MISSION AND MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**PASTOR:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**ALL: Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,

the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**ALL: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: TFBF 3241/PRESBY HYMNAL #315** *Every time I Feel The Spirit*

### **GREETING**

**PASTOR:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And, also with you.**

### **DIALOGUE**

**PASTOR:** After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

**PASTOR:** All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

**PASTOR:** All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead:

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit!**

**PASTOR:** Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

**ALL: and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**PASTOR:** May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PASTOR:** O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right

judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Corinthians 12:3b-13**

**LR:** <sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**LR:** The Word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**SECOND READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

**LR:** <sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard

them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

**LR:** The Word of the Lord

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PG 7 SING 2X)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life:**

**Alleluia!**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

**ALL:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **OBJECT LESSON**

### **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Spirit of Gentleness* ELW #396 V. 1-4

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

LR: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

LR: Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

LR: Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

LR: Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

LR: Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

LR: Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

LR: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **LAY READER (LR) CALL TO OFFERING**

**LR:** In abundance we have been blessed. Let us reflect on how we might share our gifts of tithes, time, and talent as the choir offers theirs.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Come Spirit, Come* WB #151

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **DOXOLOGY (The Offering is presented to the Lay Assistant to be placed on the altar.)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**LR:** Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PASTOR:** The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**

**PASTOR:** Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**PASTOR:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PASTOR:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sing)**

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**PASTOR:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PASTOR:** Lord Jesus, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



**PASTOR:** The table is set, and all are welcome. Please be seated, the ushers will instruct you to come forward for communion.

### **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PASTOR:** Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN** *Light The Fire*

#### **BLESSING**

**PASTOR:** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

**PASTOR:** This service has ended; your service now begins.

**All: We grow in faith, connect with the lost, and help those in need.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

#### **POSTLUDE – MUSIC**

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